



The Desert of Florida

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PROCLAMATION DESERT CONFERENCE AND GALA DAY 2023

Greetings:

By the prerogative of the office of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert and in conformity with the Constitution and General Laws governing the Desert of Florida, and sanctioned by the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. and its Jurisdictions, Inc., Honorable Eric R. Myers (Ret), 45th Imperial Potentate, I, PP Louis T. Harper, Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, do call all Imperial Officers, Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Illustrious Commandresses, 1st and 2nd Lieutenant Commandresses, Deputies of and for the Oasis, all elected and appointed Imperial Council and Court Officers, Desert officers, all Honorary Members, all Temples and Courts and all Nobles and Daughters wherever dispersed throughout the Desert of Florida, to convene in Jacksonville, Florida on Thursday, June 1st, 2023 through Sunday, June 4th, 2023.

On behalf of the Imperial Deputy for the Desert, Daughter Collette Hart Wallace (HPIC), we graciously thank each Noble and Daughter of the great Desert of Florida for all your many contributions. We continue to set the bar throughout the Domain and because of YOU, we shall remain, the BEST DESERT IN THE DOMAIN! **#WeAreFlorida!**

REGISTRATION

Registration is the same for all Nobles, Daughters, and Associates. Advance Registration is \$100.00 and On-site registration is \$150.00. The Registration fee covers both Desert Conference and Gala Day. The three (3) Principal Officers from the Temple and Court and all Imperial Appointed Officers **MUST** register, whether they attend or not (**these funds are non-refundable**). **The deadline for the three (3) Principal Officers and all Imperial Appointed Officers is Wednesday, March 1, 2023.** Temples and Courts are requested to pre-register their Nobles and Daughters using the 2023 Desert Conference/Gala Day registration forms, located on the Desert of Florida website at www.aeonmsflorida.org.

Mail completed forms along with Temple/Court check or money order to:

Recorder, Desert of Florida
P.O. Box 8844
Jacksonville, FL 32239

All checks are to be made payable to **Desert of Florida** and there will be a \$35.00 fee for all returned checks.

Also, online registration is available through the Constant Contact platform at **Online Registration**. Please note that online registration carries additional fees to PayPal and Constant Contact. Advance registration is \$107.00 On-site registration is \$150.00.

There is a cut-off date for Advanced Registration on Monday, May 1, 2023 (No Exceptions). Any registration and fees received after May 1, 2023, will be considered ON-SITE registration at \$150.00.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REFUND

In the event a Noble or Daughter registers in advance and cannot attend, the Imperial Deputy of/for the Desert of Florida must be notified five (5) days in advance of the Desert Conference and Gala Day. Exceptions will be made for EMERGENCIES ONLY.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Our guest room block for DC/GD 2023 in the Oasis of Jacksonville is active. The rate is **\$125.00** per night + tax for 2 Queen Beds, **\$135.00** per night + tax for King Bed, and there are no hidden resort fees. Self-parking is at the discounted rate of \$15.00 per day. The host hotel for the conference is the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel 225 Coastline Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32202. The hotel can be reached at 904-588-1234. You may also register online at [<Hyatt Regency Jax >](mailto:Hyatt Regency Jax)

THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL

ALL TEMPLES/COURTS, APPOINTED IMPERIAL OFFICERS, AND DESERT OFFICERS MUST PURCHASE A FULL-PAGE AD.

1. The price of a full-page Ad is \$100.
2. Send check and hardcopy Ad to the Gala Journal Committee (P.O. Box 43162, Jacksonville, Fla. 32203)
3. Send Electronic Ads to DCGD2023Journal@gmail.com
4. Deadline is Monday, May 1, 2023.
5. The price of the full-page Ad received after May 1, 2023, will be \$200.00.

The host Temple and Court can use the Souvenir Journal as a fundraiser by soliciting Ads from the local community, other organizations, Nobles, and Daughters throughout the Desert of Florida and Domain.

DRESS CODE FOR DESERT CONFERENCE/GALA DAY

NOBLES: Coat and tie preferred but not mandatory. Shrine walking suits, jumpsuits, jackets, sweat/t-shirts may be worn as casual wear. The Fez and Collar will not be worn with t-shirts, shorts, cutoffs or other inappropriate dress. Nobles should use good judgment and wear attire appropriate for the occasion.

DAUGHTERS: The official attire for the Daughters (which is meeting attire) shall be white dress, white lingerie, all white shoes (Lucite and mesh shoes are permissible), white stockings, white bag, white gloves (no fingerless gloves) and regulation Fez. Flowers (corsages) should be all white, no green foliage. No silver or gold jewelry (including ankle bracelets) shall be worn with regalia, except as followed by the Imperial Court.

GALA DAY MANDATORY DRESS

Nobles

1. Dress for the Memorial Service, Public Program and the Opening Session (all Nobles) is White Dinner Jacket, Black Pants, White Shirt W/Collar (Please, no Banded Collar Shirts), Black Tie, (Bow Tie Preferred), White Gloves and Fez.
2. Dress for the afternoon Session for Desert Officers, Imperial Officers and any Noble who desires is Red Jacket, Tie, Black Pants, Fez and White Gloves.
3. Dress for Deputies Ball & Dinner is White Dinner Jacket, Black Pants, White Gloves. and Fez with accessories.

Daughters

The formal attire of the Daughters shall be white, formal length to the top of the shoe, dress (no tea length) white lingerie, all-white shoes, white stockings, crystal or rhinestone jewelry, white handbag, white gloves (no fingerless gloves) and regulation Fez. Long gloves are required with sleeveless or strapless gowns. A strapless gown must be worn with a non-revealing and large enough formal jacket or shawl covering the upper body. White sequins and rhinestones should not reflect color. Splits in gowns shall be no higher than the knee and no gowns with trains, as it presents a safety hazard to the wearer and others as well. Silver or gold jewelry is not worn with regalia as allowed by the Imperial Court.

Exceptions to the limitations shall be watches, rings, medic alert bracelets, small gold official Isis pins, Past Illustrious Commandress pins, Pillar pendants (on a fine gold chain), and Shrine 100th Commemorative Medallions.

Temple/Court Indebtedness

Please see Communications from the Deputy of/for the Desert concerning all indebtedness to the Desert of Florida including annual head tax.

This communication must be read once in its entirety at each Temple meeting until Desert Conference/Gala Day 2023. The Proclamation and all related forms will be available on the Desert of Florida website in the upcoming days, www.aeaonmsflorida.org. The Host Desert Conference/Gala Day Committee will send out an information packet to all Temples/Courts in January 2023.

Fraternally,

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Imperial Deputy of the Desert

Dt. Collette Hart-Wallace, HPIC (117)
Imperial Deputy for the Desert

Noble O. Martin (8)
Desert Recorder

Dt. Lila Gaston, HPC (117)
Desert Recordress

cc:

Honorable Eric R. Myers (Ret), 45th Imperial Potentate

Honorable Donald R. Ware, Deputy Imperial Potentate

Daughter Paulette Brown, Imperial Commandress

PP Reginald Hardee, Desert Convention Director

Appointed Imperial Officers, Elected and Appointed Desert Officers,

Illustrious Potentates, Illustrious Commandresses, Recorders, Recordresses